

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Riester et al.
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Title: PRINTER WITH A MEDIA UNIT WHICH CAN BE REMOVED
THEREFROM AND WHICH IS LOCKABLE
Art Unit: 2876
Examiner: Leslie J. Evanisko
Docket No.: 119618-00048

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 26, 2008 .
The restriction requirement requires Applicant to elect one of the following Groups under 35
U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1 and 2 drawn to a printer including two retaining elements arranged to engage with the locking element.
- II. Claims 1 and 3 drawn to a printer including a first resilient element which pushes or pulls the locking element into the locked position
- III. Claims 1 and 4 drawn to a printer including a slide-mounted carriage arranged to carry at least one locking element.
- IV. Claims 1 and 5 drawn to a printer including at least one locking element fixed to the carriage and extending substantially perpendicular to the direction of movement of the carriage.
- V. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 8 drawn to a printer including the locking elements having two contact regions located substantially on a straight line described by a normal to the sliding plane of the carriage
- VI. Claims 1, 6 and 9 drawn to a printer including the locking elements having two contact regions, the direction of spacing between the two contact regions extending substantially in the direction of the normal to the tangential plane described by the guides.

- VII. Claims 1 and 10 drawn to a printer including a media unit having an operating front facing the user into which an operating element of the locking element is integrated.
- VIII. Claims 1 and 11 drawn to a printer including the locking unit having a cylindrical shape and the cylinder longitudinal axis running perpendicular to the direction of movement.
- IX. Claims 1 and 12 drawn to a printer including the movable locking element being a fixed component of the media unit.
- X. Claims 1 and 13 drawn to a printer including the stationary retaining element being permanently connected to the housing and interacting with the locking elements of the media unit.
- XI. Claims 1 and 14 drawn to a printer including the retaining element having a hook-like slotted guide.
- XII. Claims 1, 15 and 19 drawn to a printer including the movable parts of the locking unit interacting with a sensor and having a particular horizontal movement play.
- XIII. Claims 1 and 16 drawn to a printer including the printing unit being arranged to be moved in the housing within a movement play so that the printing unit and media are aligned with each other.
- XIV. Claims 1, 17 and 20 drawn to a printer including the printing unit being arranged to be moved in the housing in the insertion direction and counter to the insertion direction and/or transversely with respect to the insertion direction with a substantially horizontal movement play.
- XV. Claims 1 and 18, drawn to a printer including the printing unit being arranged to be moved transversely with respect to the insertion direction with a substantially vertical movement play.
- XVI. Claims 1, 21 and 23 drawn to a printer including the printing unit being mounted in a floating manner in the housing and the locking unit comprising at least two retaining elements.
- XVII. Claims 1 and 22 drawn to a printer including at least one second resilient element arranged to push or pull the printing unit counter to the insertion direction.

- XVIII. Claims 1 and 24 drawn to a printer including a second resilient element arranged to prestress the printing unit in the housing against stops limiting the movement play.
- XIX. Claims 1 and 25 drawn to a printer including at least one guide having at least two first guide elements and two second guide elements corresponding to the first guide elements.

Applicants elect, *without traverse*, Group I (claims 1 and 2). Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application, if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing, referencing Attorney Docket No. 119618-00048.

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